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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN PRESS COVERAGE OF SADAT US VISIT

1. LOCAL PRESS NOVEMBER 2 CONTINUES TO BANNER-HEADLINE ACTIVITIES OF PRESIDENT SADAT DURING US VISIT. AHAM AND GUMHURIYYA STRESS THAT SADAT AND PRESIDENT FORD SCHEDULED TO HOLD TWO MEETINGS IN JACKSONVILLE DURING DAY, DURING WHICH A FURTHER DISENGAGEMENT ON GOLAN, PROBLEM OF PALESTINIANS, AND US STAND REGARDING EGYPTIAN PROPOSALS AT UN (CONCERNING PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION AT RENEWED GENEVA CONFERENCE) TO BE DISCUSSED. ALL PAPERS CARRY MENA ITEM WHICH STATES THAT FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON TO ATTEND DINNER FOR SADAT EVENING OF NOVEMBER 2, GIVEN BY GOVERNOR ASKEW.

2. AKHBAR BANNER HEADLINE (AND LESS PROMINENT ARTICLES IN OTHER DAILIES) ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE THAT US TO SUPPLY EGYPT WITH TWO 600 MEGAWATT ATOMIC POWER PLANTS FOR DESALINIZATION PURPOSES. ARTICLES STATE THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAS OBTAINED PRELIMINARY AUTHORIZATION FROM CONGRESS FOR SALE OF REACTIONS, AT UNCLASSIFIED

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COST OF DOLS 1.2 BILLION, HOPEFULLY TO BE FINANCED BY EX-IM BANK.

AHRAM ARTICLES MENTION THAT EGYPTIAN MINISTER OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH 'ABD AL-MA'BUD AL-GUBAYLI CONDUCTING FINAL DISCUSSIONS AT STATE DEPARTMENT AND HOPES NUCLEAR AGREEMENT TO BE ANNOUNCED ON NOVEMBER 5, PRIOR TO SADAT DEPARTURE.

3. DAILIES ALSO REPORT EFFORTS BY ZIONIST PRESSURE GROUPS IN US TO INTERFERE WITH SADAT ADDRESS TO JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS NOVEMBER 5. ACCORDING TO AHARM, ZIONIST GROUPS FIRST ATTEMPTED TO CHANGE OFFICIAL NATURE OF JOINT SESSION, THEN, WHEN THIS FAILED, TRIED TO PERSUADE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO STAY AWAY. PAPERS SUGGEST THAT INDICATION OF SUCCESS OF SADAT VISIT IS WILLINGNESS OF CONGRESS TO HEAR SADAT ADDRESS DESPITE PRO-ISRAEL PRESSURES.

4. EDITORIAL COMMENT IN ALL DAILIES STRESSES SADAT STATESMANSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO PALESTINIAN CAUSE. AKHBAR CITES SADAT COMMENT DURING PRESS CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO THAT DISENGAGEMENT ACCORDS IN SINAI INTIMATELY LINKED TO FINAL SETTLEMENT OF PALESTINIAN QUESTION AND CRITICIZES OPPONENTS OF SINAI II FOR DENYING THAT SADAT COMMITTED TO PALESTINIAN CAUSE. AHRAM, NOTING THAT OVER ONE HUNDRED NATIONS WILL CO-SPONSOR DRAFT RESOLUTION EMBODYING SADAT'S UN PROPOSALS, COMMENTS THAT ADOPTION OF SADAT'S PROPOSALS CONCERNING PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION AT GENEVA REPRESENTS TURNING POINT ON ROAD TO JUST SOLUTION OF ME PROBLEM.
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